

James Backhouse Walker
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Journal.
commencing on the
8th of 8th Month, ^{1853.} and
ending on the 16th of 7 months
1854.

J.B. Walker.

Journal.

1853
8th of 8th Month.
Second Day

I went to school at 12 o'clock as a boarder, I was the first boarder that came and I was left by myself till after 2 o'clock.

9th of 8th Month.
Third Day.

I like my quarters at school pretty well. We get up at 7 at present. Went to the swimming baths one of the boys jumped in out of his depth but another soon got him out.

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10th of 8th Month.
Fourth Day

*Boys
Suggestion*

Fine day and very clear. Meeting deferred till to morrow as this is monthly meeting day. A good many boys engaged catching the leaves as they fell.

Profitable employment!
All the boys have arrived.

11th of 8th Month
Fifth Day.

Meeting Day the meetings in England are at 10 in the morning and 6 in the evening. A fine day and pretty clear.

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12th of 8th Month
Sixth Day.

Fine day. We went to the bath after school. I have been put into the third class out of the 4th; there are 4 classes.

13th of 8th Month
Seventh Day.

A very fine day. I have been put into the 2nd class French out of the 3rd; there are 4 classes in that also.

14th of 8th Month
First Day.

Very cloudy and rather showery to day. We learnt 4 Psalms and a Hymn, and in the afternoon, we read

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14th of 8th Month
continued

in the Bible to John
Ford and he talked
to us about what we
read. We went to
meeting both morning
and evening.

15th of 8th Month.
Second Day

Fine day but cloudy.
Had a game at
cricket. I have
begun to collect
insects. I caught a
tortoise-shell butterfly.
The lists of names were
given out this afternoon
and there was a good
deal of exchanging
names, amongst the
boys.

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16th of 8th Month.
Third Day.

Fine day but cloudy. We went to the bath in the morning and had a game of cricket in the evening. I have had a bad cold and cough for these two days.

17th of 8th Month.
Fourth day.

Fine Day but very cloudy in the morning but very clear in the evening. Had a game of cricket in the evening. I still have a bad cold.

18th of 8th Month.
Fifth Day.

Fine day but rather cloudy. At 10 o'clock in the morning we went to Till Mire a moor a little way from York and got a good

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18th of 8th Month.
continued.

many butterflies I
got about a dozen
altogether. It was
very hard work
to get through the
heath in pursuit
of butterflies and
I came home thoroughly
tired and very thirsty
and with a good
appetite. In the evening
we went into our
cricket field to see
a balloon ascend; it
ascended at about $\frac{1}{2}$
past 7 P.M. We gave
3 cheers as it passed
over our heads. It
was a small one.

1853

19th of 8th Month.
Sixth Day.

Fine day but rather cloudy
a shower or two in the
morning. A balloon (the
same) ascended to night
at about half past
7 and we went into
our cricket field, which
is the next but one
to the field it went up
in, to see it. All the
girls from the girls school,
Castlegate also came
and a good many
other persons.

20th of 8th Month
Seventh Day.

Fine day but rather
cloudy. We had a
half holiday as usual
and I went into the cricket
field but did not play.

1853

21st of 8th Month.
First day.

Very fine day and very
clear especially in the
morning. Learnt the
19 Psalm and the
hymn out of Lurney's
hymn book beginning
"Lord I have passed
another day &c"

22nd of 8th Month.
Second Day.

A fine day but rather
cloudy. I was writing
all the time between
schools and every other
time that I could get
a chance.

23rd of 8th Month.
Third Day.

A fine ^{day}, but it rained
in the afternoon. I
had a game of
cricket in the morning.

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23rd of 8th Month.
continued.

The Junior essay meeting was held in the evening and as I am a ~~member~~ member I attended it.

24th of 8th Month.
Fourth Day.

It very fine day. I was not allowed to go to meeting this morning as I had a very bad cold. I was not allowed to go out at all and they went a walk in the afternoon but I could not go.

25th of 8th Month.
Fifth day.

It cloudy and showery day. I had to have a "poor man's" plaster on to day and also flannel

1853

25th of 8th Month
continued

vests on. ~~and~~ I was
not allowed to
go out of the house.
I wrote to Uncle Samuel,
aunt Sarah Hammond, and
aunt Mary Mather
as I could not go
out.

26th of 8th Month
Sixth Day

A fine day and
pretty clear. I
was a little better.
I had some linseed
tea for lunch which
was very nauseous.
I was allowed to
go out of doors a
little in the afternoon.

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27th of 8th Month
Seventh Day.

Pretty fine day but
rather cloudy. Not
allowed to go out
at all scarcely even
into the playroom

28th of 8th Month
First Day

Fine day and very clear
most of the day. I was
not allowed to go to
meeting either in the
morning or evening
but was allowed to
go out for three
quarters of an hour
in the hottest part
of the day into the
garden to walk
with the other boys.

We are allowed to
walk there on First Days

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29th of 8th Month.
Second Day.

Fine Day but cloudy.
I was only allowed
to go into the play
room but not into
the play ground.
I saw a new comet
this evening but it
was not ^{at} all bright
as it set so soon after
the sun and it
did not answer
my expectations at
all, for you could
scarcely distinguish
it. It is computed
that it will not
appear in our lifetime
at any rate, as it
will take 1000 years
or more to come back.

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30th of 8th Month
Third Day.

It fine Day but
rather Cloudy.
I was allowed
to go out to day
into the play
ground and to
play as well.

31st of 8th Month.
Fourth Day

Fine day and
rather clear. Went
to meeting in the
morning. Went to
Lob Moor in the
afternoon but caught
nothing except a
peacock that was
given me.

1853

1st of 9th Month.
Fifth Day

A fine day. Went to meeting in the morning. I am a good deal better and the cough has turned into a cold in my head.

2nd of 9th Month.
Sixth Day

Fine Day but cloudy. Nothing particular happened to day.

3rd of 9th Month.
Seventh Day

Fine day. Nothing particular doing to day.

4th of 9th Month.
First Day

Fine day, and we were allowed to walk in the gardens, as usual ~~we~~ went to meeting in the morning.

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4th of 9th Month
First Day.

& in the evening also.

5th of 9th Month
Second Day.

Nothing particular
doing to day.

6th of 9th Month
Third Day.

Nothing doing at
all.

7th of 9th Month
Fourth Day.

Fine day Nothing at
all doing.

8th of 9th Month
Fifth Day.

Fine Day we went to the
Foss but I did not
catch any thing except
a few beetles.

9th of 9th Month
Sixth day.

Fine day but cloudy.
Nothing at all
doing.

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10th of 9th Month.
Seventh Day.

Nothing particular
doing to day.

11th of 9th Month
First Day.

We were not allowed
to go onto the grass.

12th of 9th Month.
Second Day.

Nothing at all doing
to day.

13th of 9th Month
Third Day.

Much the same as
usual.

14th of 9th Month
Fourth Day.

Nothing at all doing
very monotonous.

15th of 9th Month
Fifth day.

Much the same as
yesterday.

16th of 9th Month
Sixth Day.

Rather dull, nothing
doing.

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17th of 9th Month
Seventh Day

Rather cloudy day
and nothing doing
particular

18th of 9th Month
First Day

Windy and wet I
went to meeting
in the morning
but not in the
evening.

19th of 9th Month
Second Day

Much the same
as yesterday.

20th of 9th Month
Third Day

Cloudy and
rather wet nothing
at all doing

21st of 9th Month
Fourth Day

Much the
same as yesterday

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22nd of 9th Month. Rather dull day
Fifth Day. very monotonous.

23rd of 9th Month. Much the same as
Sixth day. usual.

24th of 9th Month. We had a half
Seventh Day holiday as usual.

25th of 9th Month. We were ~~not~~ ^{not} allowed
First day. to go onto the grass
in the garden.

26th of 9th Month. Nothing doing at
Second Day. all the day.

27th of 9th Month. Much the same as
Third Day. yesterday

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28th of 9th Month
Fourth day

Nothing at all doing.
went to meeting
in the morning.

29th of 9th Month
Fifth Day.

A rather strong
wind to day

30th of 9th Month
Sixth Day.

We had a ~~rather~~
~~is~~ meeting of the
York School Natural
History society in
the evening and
we also had a
half holiday.

10th Month 1st 1853
Seventh Day

A paper balloon
was sent up but
it did not succeed
at all.

2nd of 10th Month
First Day.

Meetings at $\frac{1}{2}$ past
 3 were begun to
 day. Daniel Black
 was at Meeting.

3rd of 10th Month
Second Day

It. H. alversack did
 not come to day.

4th of 10th Month
Third Day.

Nothing particular
Drawing Day.

5th of 10th Month
Fourth Day.

Nothing particular
doing to day.

6th of 10th Month
Fifth Day.

Much the same as
yesterday.

7th of 10th Month
Sixth Day.

Nothing particular
doing to day.

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8th of 10th Month
Seventh Day.

Nothing particular
happened. Had
a half holiday.

9th of 10th Month
First Day

I did not go
to meeting either
in the morning or
in the evening.

10th of 10th Month
Second Day.

Not any thing
particular doing
to day.

11th of 10th Month
Third Day.

J. Ford was from
home, very wet.

12th of 10th Month
Fourth Day

We had a meeting
of the Senior Essay
Meeting in the evening
I wrote an essay for it

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12th of 10th Month continued. upon my voyage which I had to read myself. The Monthly meeting was held to day at Thirsk, John Ford & Sill et al^{am} attended it.

13th of 10th Month Fifth Day An account of a visit to the Devil's Bridge in Wales by Joseph S. Southall was read before breakfast, and we went to meeting to day instead of yesterday as the monthly meeting was held at Thirsk the day before.

14th of 10th Month Sixth Day. * Nothing particular occurred to day My birth day.

* I got a present of a writing case from

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15th of 10th Month
Seventh Day.

Wet day nothing at all
doing.

16th of 10th Month.
First Day.

Nothing worth noticing
to Day.

17th of 10th Month
Second Day.

We had a holiday
in the afternoon

18th of 10th Month
Third Day.

Drawing day nothing
particular.

19th of 10th Month.
Fourth Day

We had a holiday
in the afternoon and
John Ford gave us
a lecture upon "The
employment of leisure,
time."

L Backhouse.

I was 12 years old.

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20th of 10th Month.
Fifth Day.

We went to the Bible
meeting in the morning
~~George Scarr Watson~~
canal.

21st of 10th Month
Sixth Day.

John Lord gave us
a lecture upon the
same subject as last.

22nd of 10th Month
Seventh Day

Nothing particular
doing

23rd of 10th Month
First Day

Went to meeting both
in the morning & evening

24th of 10th Month
Second Day

Much the same as
usual.

25th of 10th Month
Third Day

Nothing at all
doing.

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26th of 10th Month
Fourth Day.

We went a walk
in the afternoon.

27th of 10th Month
Fifth Day.

We went to Gompertz
Panorama of the
Arctic regions
which was very
interesting

28th of 10th Month
Sixth Day.

Nothing particular
occured to day.

29th of 10th Month
Seventh Day

A fine day
but cloudy.

30th of 10th Month
First Day

A very fine day.
I went to meeting
both in the morning
and evening

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31st of 10th Month. it dull day but
Second Day. no rain

1st of 11th Month. Very cloudy but
Third Day. no rain. Did not
go out much. Wrote
to Uncle Robert in the
evening.

2nd of 11th Month
Fourth Day. Cloudy in the morning
but very fine and even
hot in the afternoon.
Went a walk at
half past 12 and
came back at about
 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 we found it
very hot. Went to
meeting in the morning.
Had our own employments
in the afternoon. I

1853

2nd of 11th Month.
Continued.

3rd of 11th Month
Fifth Day. Very fine day ~~nothing~~
nothing doing

4th of 11th Month
Sixth Day. Very fine day we
learnt our lessons
in the afternoon. Had
a very bad headache
in the afternoon but
it soon went away.
~~See~~ Went to a meeting
of the York Auxiliary
Religious Tract Society
which was held in
the meetinghouse
and a minister of
the name of Richardson
was in the chair.

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5th of 11th Month
Seventh Day

The anniversary of the
Gunpowder plot we
saw a bonfire in the
evening and some
rockets. It was very
dull but with no
rain.

6th of 11th Month
First Day

Went to meeting morning
and evening, a very wet
drizzling day. We were
not allowed to go
out.

7th of 11th Month
Second Day

Nothing particular doing
to day. We had gas
in the school room and
wash room and candles
in the bedrooms

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8th of 11th Month
Third Day.

Nothing doing particular to day

9th of 11th Month
Fourth Day.

Monthly meeting day held at York. We had a half holiday as we always have on Monthly meeting days

10th of 11th Month
Fifth Day.

Very fine day and scarcely any clouds. We learnt our lessons in the afternoon and till it came I Smith gave us an interesting lecture on Mechanics in the evening.

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11th of 11th Month
Sixth Day.

Till about 9 it M it
was very misty and
cloudy but the rest
of the day has been
without clouds. Till
Adam concluded
his lecture upon
Mechanics in the after-
noon. There ^{have} been several
kites flying to day

12th of 11th Month
Seventh Day

Very frosty weather
and clear.

13th of 11th Month
First Day.

There was some frost
in the morning but
not near so much
as yesterday it was
rather cloudy, went
to both meetings.

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14th of 11th Month.
Second Day.

Fine day but rather cloudy. Had a game at hop-scotch. Was pushed by a lad against the work-shop ^{door} and burst it in. John Ford was very angry about it.

15th of 11th Month.
Third Day.

Fine and frosty. We had a holiday in the afternoon but we had to stop in the schoolroom.

16th of 11th Month.
Fourth Day.

Fine day and still frosty very cold! We went to meeting in the morning. We had

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16th of 11th Month
continued

goose for dinner &
after dinner we had
a platefull of raisins
and walnuts each.

We also had a
holiday in the
afternoon.

17th of 11th Month
Fifth day

Cold, fine, and
frosty, misty in
the morning.

18th of 11th Month
Sixth Day

Very cold but fine
& frosty. It was
very misty in the
morning. I forgot
to mention yesterday
that we learnt our
lessons in the afternoon
& W. Robinson gave

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18th of 11th Month as a lecture upon Geology
continued & we did the same
to day.

19th of 11th Month cloudy and
Seventh Day no frost.

20th of 11th Month. Very wet in the
First Day morning, but fine in
the afternoon, not at
all frosty. Went to
meeting both in the mo-
rning and also in the
evening

21st of 11th Month. Very fine but no frost.
Second Day. We learnt our lessons
in the afternoon and
W.R. continued his lecture.
Had a bad headache in evening

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22nd of 11th Month
Third Day.

Very hard frost which did not thaw at all during the whole day. It was misty in the morning and was very cold all day. My headache was a good deal worse and proved to be a bad sick headache so that about 9 A.M. I had to go to James's room and ~~to~~ lay upon the sofa there all day. I was sick about half a dozen times, and went to bed a little before 8 P.M. I had some globules and was going to have some gregory but I did not.

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23rd of 11th Month
Fourth Day.

Very hard frosty and
cloudy. It was so misty
in the morning that
we could scarcely ~~to~~ see
the houses on the other
side of Bootham out of
the breakfast room. I
got up at about $\frac{1}{2}$ past
7 A.M. and had tea
& toast for breakfast
and broth for lunch.
The lads got up a
"luttery slide" (i.e. a slide
without any ice the
flaps being frozen and a
slippery) in the morning,
and had a game at
follow the leader in the
afternoon but I was
not allowed to go out.
half holiday

1853

24th of 11th Month.
Fifth Day.

We went to Wombrells
Menagerie in the
morning. I had
a ride on both the
elephants which are
said to be the largest
and smallest in
england. The principal
animals in the menagerie
are 2 Elephants, a lion,
2 lioness, 3 lion cubs,
a sloth, a giraffe, 2
Black Tigers, 1 Panther,
1 cheetah, a number
of monkeys and
Parrots, a tiger and
a tigress, a rhinoceros
(the only male one
in England) a wolf
& Dingo, 2 Pelicans,

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24th of 11th Month.
continued.

a fretful porcupine,
a llama & Black
alpaca, 2 or 3
Macaws, a boa ^{Lep}
constrictor & a ^{adds.}
number of young ^{an}
ones & a number ^{armadillo}
of antelopes. It
was showing most
of the day.

25th of 11th Month
Sixth Day

cloudy and there
was a frost and
the lads got up
a very nice slide.
I was not allowed
to go out ^{Till Adams}
^{gave us a}
^{lecture on}
^{Astronomy}

26th of 11th Month
Seventh Day

cloudy but not
wet. I was not
allowed to go out.

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27th of 11th month
First Day.

It was cloudy
but not wet. I
was not allowed
to go out, but went
to meeting both
morning and
evening

28th of 11th month
Second Day.

French Day. Very
cloudy, and dull,
rather 'Wet'. We
learnt our lessons
in the afternoon &
S. A. Smith gave us
a lecture on Astronomy
in the evening.

29th of 11th month
Third Day.

Drawing day,
I learn to shade
now, I began

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29th of 11th Month
continued.

to learn ~~to~~ the
time before last.
It was very cloudy
and wet but not
~~very~~ cold, the
wind whistled
a good deal
last night and
it & the noise
of the rain kept
me awake a
good deal. In the
afternoon we had
school for about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour & then
we went into
the lecture room
and Till Adam
gave us a continu-
tion of the lecture on

1853

29th / 11th Month
continued.

Astronomy which
was interesting, a
new planet (one of
the asteroids) has
been discovered
by Hind and
has not been
named yet, it
makes 27 Asteroids.

30th / 11th Month
Fourth Day.

Cloudy and rather
wet. We had
a lecture on
The electric telegraph
by Edmund
Wheeler which
was very interesting,
in the afternoon,
we had another,

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1st of 12th Month
Fifth Day

Very dull and cloudy.
We had a lecture on
the same as yesterday
& by the same person in
the morning and in
the afternoon.

2nd of 12th Month
Sixth Day

Very dull & cloudy.
We had a good deal
of time in School to copy our
notes & the first hour of
afternoon school we were
copying them & the second
we had our own employment.

3rd of 12th Month
Seventh Day

Cloudy Day and
cold. We did not
learn our French
lessons in the evening but
did our notes instead.
Father Priestman came to
see me

1853

4th of 12th Month
First Day.

Cloudy day and cold.
Went to meeting both
in the morning &
in the evening

5th of 12th Month
Second Day.

Cloudy and cold day.
I went with 7 other
boys to cherry hill to
breakfast to William
Richardson's.

6th of 12th Month
Third Day.

Cloudy & cold. We
had our own employ-
ments in the afternoon

7th 12th Month
Fourth Day.

Frosty and fine in the
morning but cloudy in
the afternoon. We learnt
our lessons ⁱⁿ the first hour
of afternoon school and

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7th of 12th Month.
continued.

~~then~~ when we had
learnt them we had
a half holiday.

William Pumphrey
gave us a lecture
in the evening he
showed us a great
many experiments
which made it
very interesting.

8th of 12th Month
Fifth Day.

cloudy and dull
Nothing particular.

9th of 12th Month
Sixth Day.

We had a lecture
on Chemistry by
William Pumphrey
which was very
interesting

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10th of 12th Month
Seventh Day.

Cloudy and dull.
Had a half holi-
day as usual.

11th of 12th Month
First Day

It was preparative
meeting to day I
went to meeting
in the morning and
evening.

12th of 12th Month
Second Day.

We had a lecture
by W. Pumphrey on
Chemistry which
was very interesting
as he showed us
a good many of
experiments.

13th of 12th Month
Third Day

Drawing day nothing
particular doing.

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13th of 12th Month
continued

We had our own
employments in the
afternoon.

14th of 12th Month Cloudy and rather
Forth Day. cold. Monthly
meeting day it
was held at York.
Went to meeting ^{C. Lewis's}
Funeral.

15th of 12th Month
5th Day

Went to Thomas Bliss
to tea and spent a very
pleasant evening. William
Robinson & 21 boys went with
me.

16th of 12th Month
Sixth Day.

Had a lecture
on Chemistry by
W. Pumphrey. Did not
get to sleep till 2 1/2 A.M.

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17th of 12th Month. Fine Day we had
Seventh Day. a holiday in the
afternoon as usual.

18th of 12th Month. Went to meeting
First Day. morning & evening nothing
particular

19th of 12th Month. Engaged with my
Second Day essay most of the
Day.

20th of 12th Month. The meeting of
Third Day. the ~~ess~~ Senior essay
meeting was held
in the evening but
it was adjourned.
It was drawing big
but Colmore did not
come. Half Holiday.

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21st of 12th Month
22 Fourth Day.

Went to meeting
in the morning.
We had no school
as the essay meeting
took up all the
time none was
read in the after-
noon it was upon
"Australia", it
was $7\frac{1}{2}$ pages
long and I had
a map of Australia,
a representation of
a Lyre bird &
another of an Emu
or Caiman. There
were altogether
28 essays one of
which was 36 pages
long and another

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21st of 12th month
continued.

30. We went to
the Concert Rooms
to hear the celebrated
Temperance lecturer
John B. Gough &
we were very much
pleased with his
lecture.

22nd of 12th Month.
Fifth Day

We went to ^{begin} John
B. Gough again
this evening and
taught our lessons
in the afternoon.

23rd of 12th month
Sixth Day.

Fine day and not
cloudy. We had
our averages given
out.

1853

24th of 12th month
Seventh Day.

A fine frosty
day. We had
a slide up in the
morning and
I began to learn
I stumbled down
I hurt my head
a good deal;
~~we went a walk~~
~~and the ice~~
~~on the pools would~~
~~in some places~~
~~be a sliding~~
~~across but I~~
~~was never standing~~

25th of 12th month
First day.

it pretty fine
day but not
cold. Went to
meeting 1st times

1853

26th of 12th month
Second Day.

It did not
freeze at all
to day.

27th of 12th month
Third Day

It began to
snow ^{at about 7 past 2} and
about 3 inches
deep in the play
ground; we had
a half holiday
and went on
walk in the
morning. The ice
on the pools would
not bear us
standing but
in most places it
would sliding.

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28th of 12th month.
Fourth Day.

Snow laying about
1 foot deep, and more
in some places. It
snowed a little
during the day. We
went to the
Quarterly meeting
in the morning
and to a meeting
for the junior members
in the afternoon. We
did not go to the
meeting for business
in the evening.
James Backhouse
and Lindley Murray
Hoag returned from
Norway in the after-
noon. We had no
school.

1853

29th of 12th month
Fifth Day.

Went to Quarterly Meeting in the morning. James Backhouse returned his certificate. We did not stop the meeting for business. Some of the boys went home this afternoon.

30th of 12th month
Sixth Day.

It snowed and blew hard in the morning but not much in the evening. All the boys went away this morning except me. I went

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30th of 12th month

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to the station to see them off and stopped there a ~~good~~ good long time. I went back through the pelting snow. I went to James Backhouses in the afternoon about 4 o'clock.

31st of 12th Month

Seventh Day

It cold day. The river Chase was partly frozen. This is the first day of the winter holidays.

1854.

1st of 1st month.
First Day.

Went to meeting both in the morning and afternoon. In the morning meeting L. M. Hoag prayed, and spoke very sweetly and powerfully upon the New Year. It was a very sweet meeting.

2nd of 1st month.
Second Day.

L. M. Hoag went to London in the morning by the 9.50 train. It was cold in the evening especially.

1854

3rd of 1st month.
Third Day.

The frost was more severe this morning than it has been for 24 years being at John Ford's - 3° and at the Museum - 5° ! The river Ouse is hard frozen and people are skating about on it. I went to Henry Hippsley's in the morning, and spent a very pleasant day there. I went across the river below the bridge, ~~at~~ near the ferry which was partly blocked up.

1854

4th of 1st month.
Fourth Day.

The thermometer
a little below freezing
point. The river
still frozen hard.
Went to meeting
in the morning.

5th of 1st month
Fifth Day

The thermometer
much the same
as yesterday. James
Backhouse went
to London in the
morning by the 9.50
train. I wrote
home. It snowed
most of the day
but the snow was
small. Went to
Caleb Fletcher's to tea,
and saw his ^{flag} ~~the~~ mill.

1854

6th of 1st month
Sixth Day.

It snowed a great deal in the morning and thawed very much in the afternoon making the streets very dirty. The ice on the river is very thin in some parts and people are not allowed to go on it. But on the other parts people are skating &c.

7th of 1st month
Seventh Day

It sleeted from 2¹/₂ to 4¹/₂ in the afternoon & rained the rest of the Day. Went to C. Williams's to tea.

1854

8th of 1st month
First Day.

Went to meeting
in the morning &
afternoon. The meeting
was held in the
small meeting house
and in the afternoon
meeting the gas
made a great
noise.

9th of 1st month
Second Day.

It froze this morning
I had a bad
sick headache a
good deal of the
day, & therefore
~~did~~ not go to
to the book meeting
at Rachel Regelles
although invited.

1854
10th of 1st month
Third Day

It was rather wet and I did not go out. A great many people were coming ~~to~~ to beg soup tickets

11th of 1st month
Fourth Day

Monthly meeting day. We had the ~~the~~ meeting in the small meeting house again. It was a very long meeting being from 11 to ~~4~~ ^{near} nearly 5 hours long.

12th of 1st month
Fifth Day

Pretty fine day. Went to Holdgate to dinner.

1854

13th / 1st month. Pretty fine day.
Nash Day. It was freezing
all day. For many
came to dinner at
Micklegate. Finished
"The Wide Wide
World," and think
it very interesting
indeed.

14th / 1st month. Went to
Sereph Day C. Widdas's
in the morning
about my great
coat and took
some things to
Hddgate in the
afternoon.

1854
15th of 1st month.
First Day.

Went to meeting
morning afternoon
Meeting was held
in the small
meeting house.

Went to Rachel
Tregelle's in the
~~evening~~ to tea and
spent the evening
very pleasantly.
To day is the last
day of the holiday.

16th of 1st month
Second Day.

Went to school
at about 4 P.M.
with S. Backhouse
we were first there.
Many did not
come.

1854

17th of 1st month
Third Day.

A few more came
to day. Charles
Doncaster bought
me a nice knife
the real price ^{of}
of which was 3.2
but on account
of a flaw ~~so~~ I got
it for 2.6.

18th of 1st month
Fourth Day.

Meeting Day went
to Meeting.
Some more boys
came.

19th of 1st month
Fifth Day.

We had a
half holiday.
We were allowed
to go out.

1854

20th of 1st month.
Sixth Day.

A pretty fine
day, ^{but a little} ~~but~~ we had a little
lessons in the
evening for the
first time this
half.

21st of 1st month
Seventh Day.

We had the
classes in which
we were to go
~~to school~~ told
us this morning
and we did
not go into
school till some
time after time.

22nd of 1st month
First Day

Did not
go to meeting
at all. Had
a bad cough.

1854

23rd of 1st month
Second Day.

I did not get
up till about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
o'clock A.M.
and ~~did~~ went to
bed about 7 P.M.
I did not go into
school at all.

24th of 1st month
Third Day.

I got up rather
later than the
others, but went
into school.

25th of 1st month
Fourth Day.

Went to meeting
and sat in
the 2nd form for
the 1st time. ~~We~~
We were weighed
and measured I
measured 4 ft 6 in &
weighed 51st 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb

1867
26th of 1st month.
Sixth Day.

I was allowed to
go out & I had
a game at Hop-
ping Charges & I py Oh!!
It was very fine
and clear. Soon
after 9 o'clock it became
so dark and dull
that we had to
have the gas lighted
but it soon cleared
up.

27th of 1st month
Sixth Day

Fine day and
very clear. I wrote
to Cousin Mary Jane
Robson. I had did
not go out much
although I was
allowed to.

1854

28th of 1st month
Seventh Day.

A fine ^{day} and
pretty clear.
Wrote ~~home~~ to
Cousin Dorothy
Robson. Began to
read ~~Scientific Dialogues~~
~~History of Europe~~
~~by Joyce~~

29th of 1st month
First Day.

Fine day and
pretty clear. I
did not go to
meeting either
in the morning
or the evening.

30th of 1st month.
Second Day

Fine day scarcely
any clouds.
Nothing particular
doing. Got up 1st at $\frac{1}{2}$ 6.

1854

31st of 1st month
Third Day.

Drawing day. Pretty fine and not very cloudy. Nothing particular doing to day.

1st of 2nd month
Fourth Day.

Went to meeting in the morning. Pretty fine and not cloudy. Wrote to uncle J. B. and

2nd of 2nd month
Fifth Day.

Fine and pretty clear. Went into town and got some views of York & the life of J. B. Gough. Wrote home & was allowed to write it during lessons & just got it off in time sent a view of York & a list.

1854

3rd of 2nd month
Sixth Day

Fine day and not
cloudy. Wrote to
J. B. Hammond.

4th of 2nd month
Seventh Day

Fine and not
very cloudy. Got
my head cut by
being knocked up
against the rough
brick wall while
playing at Snapping
Shingles.

5th of 2nd month
First Day.

I went to meeting
both morning and
afternoon. Got
a letter from aunt
H. M. Benson.

1834

6th of 2nd month
Second Day.

It was raining
in the morning
but we were
allowed to go out
in the afternoon.
I forgot to say
yesterday that that
time last year
I set out from
Hobart Town. It
seems a very long
time and I very
much long to
get back home.

E. Alexander fainted before
breakfast

7th of 2nd month
Third Day.

A fine day and
very clear. I began
to draw landscapes.
Went on shore's
walk in the afternoon

1857

8th of 2nd month
Fourth Day.

A very fine and
clear day. It snowed
a little in the night.
Monthly meeting day
at York a document
from Hobart Town
~~was~~ about me was
read. We had
a half holiday
as usual.

9th of 2nd month
Fifth Day.

A fine day and
pretty clear. Nothing
Doing.

10th of 2nd month
Sixth Day.

Fine and very
clear had several
games at marbles
&c

1854

11th of 2nd month
Seventh Day.

Fine and very pleasant not at all too cold very fine scarcely any clouds. It was my turn at the lathe I spilt a piece of zebra wood that cost 4^d. I had to buy a piece of box which I had not time enough to finish my box.

12th of 2nd month
First Day.

Went to meeting in the morning & evening. A fine day.

1854

13th of ~~1st~~ 2nd month
Second Day.

Very fine and
not ~~very~~ cloudy.
Nothing particular
doing to day.

~~Third 14th~~ of 2nd month
Third Day.

Fine day nothing
particular doing
as clouds.

15th of 2nd month
Fourth Day

Fine and pretty
~~much~~ clear.
went to meeting
in the morning.
Had a half
holiday in the
afternoon.

16th of 2nd month
Fifth Day

A pretty fine
day. In the
afternoon a

1854

16th of 2nd month meeting of the Natural
continued. History society was
held.

17th of 2nd month
13th Day

Very blowy in the
morning & wet
a little after dinner
the rain came
down very fast
& it was very stormy,
but we were allowed
to go out in the
morning & afternoon
only for a little time
after dinner we
might not. We had
dinner half an hour
earlier than usual viz.
at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 as J. Ford
was going out.

1854

18th of 2nd month
Seventh Day

Fine day but cold wind. Got a letter from Home & one from Grandpa also a letter for E. B., J. F. & Mrs Mann, the latter I forwarded.

19th of 2nd month
First Day

A very fine day. Went to meeting in the morning & afternoon. We were allowed to walk in the garden.

1854

20th of 2nd month. Fine but rather
Second Day. cloudy. We had our
hair cut.

21st of 2nd month at pretty fine Day.
Third Day Sir James returned
from Liverpool.
I wrote home.

22nd of 2nd month. Pretty fine but
Fourth Day cloudy. I wrote
to Elizabeth,
John & ad enclosed
that and the
one to papa in
his. ~~Off~~ Edward
Allen & I went
to J. Hunt's
to tea at \$4½
We went along
the walls from

1854

22nd of 2nd month
continued

Sheldergate Bar to
North Street. Pastern
I went ~~at~~ across
both piers. We
had a lecture on
the Animal Kingdom
by J. C. Smith.

23rd of 2nd month
Fifth Day

Fine but cloudy. Had
a game at chopping
cargels in the evening.
Had all my
lessons except my
French grammar
done before tea

24th of 2nd month
Sixth Day

Fine & clear day.
I was not allowed
to go out. I had
a powder in the

1854

24th of 2nd month evening. T. A. Smith
continued his lecture
on the Animal
Kingdom.

25th of 2nd month
Evening Day I got up on time for
breakfast, but had
it in Jane's Room
I did not go into
school at all. I had
no meat for dinner

26th of 2nd month
First Day I was not allowed
to go out although it
was very fine and
sunny. But I came
up into the school room
& but did not
go to meeting at
all.

1854

27th of 2nd month
Second Day

I got up in time for
breakfast. It was
very fine but I was
not allowed to go
out. Began German

28th of 2nd month
Third Day

I got up in time
for breakfast. I
was not allowed
to go out.

29th of 2nd month
Fourth Day

I went to meeting
and was allowed
to go out. Went a walk

2nd of 3rd month
Fifth Day

Fine day but very
little doing. Much
the same as usual.

1854

3rd of 3rd month
Sixth Day.

We had a lecture
on chemistry by
William Pumphrey.

4th of 3rd month
Seventh Day.

The barometer was
higher in the after-
noon than John Ford
has ever known it
being 30.931 inches.
It was a most
splendid Day.

5th of 3rd month
Eighth Day.

Went to meeting
both in the
morning and in
the afternoon. Were
allowed to walk
on the path in the
garden but not on
the grass.

1854

6th of 2nd month
Second Day.

We had a lecture
by William Pamphrey
~~at~~ on Chemistry
in the afternoon.
We had tea early
and were allowed
to go out after. We
had Latin Exercise
instead of Caesar

7th of 2nd month
Third Day

Fine but rather
foggy in the
morning. Had
a game or two at
'Barn Ball'

8th of 2nd month
Fourth Day

Fine but cloudy.
Monthly meeting
held at York.
Went to it.

1854
9th of 3rd month
Fifth Day

William Pumphrey
gave us a very in-
teresting lecture on
Galvanism, he tried
to give ^{some} the boys a shock
but there was something
the matter with the
machine.

10th of 3rd month
Sixth Day

It fine day. W.
Pumphrey continued
his lecture on
Galvanism & gave
some of the boys a
shock

11th of 3rd month
Seventh Day

It fine Day. It was
my turn at the
lathe, but I did not
make anything. Averages

1854

12th of 3rd month
First Day.

A very fine day scarcely
a single cloud. Went
to meeting both
in the morning
& afternoon. We were
allowed to go on
the grass for the first
time this half.

13th of 3rd month
Second Day.

A fine day and
very clear.

14th of 3rd month
Third Day

Drawing day. Edwin
More lent me a
copy to do out of
School.

15th of 3rd month
Fourth Day

Went to meeting
in the morning.

Pretty fine day. S. L. L. gave us a lecture on steam.

1854

16th of 3rd month.

Fifth Day.
Rachel and Sarah Foster
paid as a religious
visit in the evening,
and we learnt our
lessons in the after-
noon.

17th of 3rd month
Sixth Day

It was rather wet
but we were allowed
to go out for a good
part of the day

18th of 3rd month
Seventh Day

It was very wet we
were allowed only to
go out at recess.
Silvanus gave us a
lecture about 12 A.M.
to 1 P.M. on Steam &
it was very interest-
ing.

1854

19th of 3rd month
First Day

A cold Day and
we were not allowed
to walk in the
gardens at all.
Francis B. Honor came
as a scholar.

20th of 3rd month
Second Day

We had a new
Scholar's half holiday
in the afternoon for
our own employments.

21st of 3rd month
Third Day

Pretty fine but
rather cold. A
good many clouds.

22nd of 3rd month
Fourth Day

Pretty fine, We
went to meeting
in the morning, had
a half holiday.

22

22

1854

23rd of 3rd month
Fifth Day.

A splendid day
scarcely any clouds.
In the afternoon
we were allowed
to get our gardens
in order & only
had about half
an hour's school
in the afternoon.

24th of 3rd month
Sixth Day.

Pretty fine but
very cloudy.
Had a game at release
stocks.

25th of 3rd month
Seventh Day.

It was pretty fine.
Got a whip top
and whip for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

1854

26th of 3rd month.
First Day.

It was wet and cloudy but we were allowed to walk round the playground part of the day. Went to meeting in the morning & afternoon.

27th of 3rd month
Second Day.

I had a good game at whiptop. It was rather cloudy.

28th of 3rd month
Third Day.

We went on walk to Heshington in the afternoon it was fine but rather cloudy.

1854

29th of 3rd month.
Fourth Day

It was quarterly
meeting at Leeds
John Ford
went there.

It was rather
dull. We wrote
our pieces in the
afternoon.

30th of 3rd month
Fifth Day

We saw a new
Comet in the
evening through
the telescope, it
was discovered at
Mr. Bishop's observatory
in Regent's Park
by the celebrated
Astronomer

Hind!!!

Mr. Robinson saw the
Zodiacal Light.

1854

31st of 3rd month
Sixth Day

A very fine & warm
day. ~~He~~ I saw 2
tortoiseshell butterflies
in the boys' gardens

31st of 4th month
Seventh Day

It was fine & warm
I saw a white
butterfly in the
boys' gardens.

5 month 22nd
Second Day ^{the}
to 5mo (27th)
7th Day

During this week we
had the written examination
viz. Spelling, Arithmetic
Tables, Arithmetic II, Latin,
Compound Addition,
French, English Grammar
Dictation, Geography
Mental Calculations,

1854

5 mo 22nd
to 5 mo 27th
continued

5 mo 30th
Third Day

6 mo 19th
Second Day

6 mo 20th
Third Day

6 mo 23rd
Sixth Day

History, Etymology, General
Science.

We had the scripture
history examination

The friends came & examined
us on scripture.

We had the rest of
the public examination.

~~We went back~~ I went
to Wakefield by the 7.30
train & got in at 8.8,
& found Henry Benington
at the station waiting
for me.

1854.

26th of 6th month.
First day

C. Benington came over
from Leeds. In the
afternoon went to
Heath Common &
Sandal Castle Hill
with C.B., H.B., &
J. Nixon.

1st of 7th month
7th day.

Went over to Leeds
by the 10.30 coach
got in about 12. We
had dinner at Lat.
Hotham and Whittings.
In the afternoon we went
to Kirkstall Abbey in the
train & then to Hleding
Gardens. Came home by
the 5 P.M. coach but the
coachman was drunk
so we got down at Lofthouse

1837

4th of 7 month
continued.

Gate and walked the rest of
the way about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

4th of 7 month Fair day, went through
Third Day. the fair with H. Benington.

5th of 7 month. Went to William
Fourth Day. Kitching's to tea, I went
through the fair with H. B.
I saw a diorama of the
Bombardment of Odessa.

6th of 7 month
Fifth Day A rash began to come out on
me, which they said was
chicken pox. I took

7th of 7 month
Sixth Day Rash worse ~~had~~ took
2 globules. which made
it better

1854,

8th of 7^{mo}.
Seventh Day.

1854
Took 2 Globules. better in the morning, worse than ever in the evening. I had to wake up H. Benington after we had gone to bed, & get a light, & could not sleep till I had rolled myself up in the Blankets.

9th of 7^{month}
First Day

I had to ~~lie~~ in bed all day, Doctor Bennett was sent for & gave me a cooling mixture 2 tablespoonful to be taken every 3 hours, I was much better, but had a headache which went away in the evening.

1854

10th of J^{no}.
Second Day.

Did not get up till after
breakfast.

11th of J^{no}.
Third Day

Did not get up this morning
till after breakfast.

12th of J^{no}.
Fourth Day

Was much better. Set out
from Wakefield at 10 A.M.
changed at Knottingley
and got into King's Cross
at 4 P.M. Uncle
Samuel & Aunt Mary
met me at the station.
I went to the latter's
house. My aunt took
me to ^{a prayer meeting} ~~school~~ in the
evening.

1854

13th of Jan.

5th Day.

Went with Cousin Mary
to C. Marshs, 84 Houndstitch.
Meetings at Devonshire House
First Day Morning 11^{AM}.
Afternoon. 2nd part 6. Went
to Shore ditch.

14th of Jan.

6th Day.

Went to the British
Museum. Saw the celebrate
Rosetta Stone. you can buy
a cast of it for 6^s. Saw the
Egyptian Remains & the
Assyrian & Grecian & Roman
& Roman antiquities, &
the natural History collection.
Had tea at Aunt Sarahs house James

15th of Jan.

7th Day.

Went to My Uncle
Thomas Whytalls, he has
3 daughters & his wife is living
Saw G. Brier who took down Holborn with his brother

1854

16th of Jan

1st Day.

Stopped at Uncle Whittall's
Went to ~~Howard's~~ Devorshin
House in the morning I went
into the Roman Catholic
Chapel on our way, as
we came back we went
into the City Road Chapel
I saw my ^{Great} Grandfather
Benson's Monument within
the altar Rails a little
beneath John Wesley's.
I also saw his family
Vault where one of
my mother's sisters who
died while an infant was
buried, Ann Benson
Mather was her name.
In the afternoon went
to St Luke's Church
to hear ~~Hugh~~ a rather

1854

16th of 7 month
continued

noted minister. It is
the church where Grandpa
was married, it has a
beautiful stained window
Representing the crucifixion.
The minister preached from
Malachi III chap 6 verse
Went to the Arlington
Wesleyan Chapel in
the evening, the minister
preached from a
sermon on the parable
of the sower. Saw
J. W. Smithies the
editor of the Band of
Hope Review & his sister
& was introduced to them

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